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**Subject:** Re: Request for Mission Assignment for EPA HQ support costs  
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Have we received any response. This came up at the morning touch base.

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On Sep 7, 2017, at 3:55 PM, Bloom, David <[Bloom.David@epa.gov](mailto:Bloom.David@epa.gov)> wrote:

Sam and David,

As the Agency continues to support the Hurricane response, I am requesting that you please ask FEMA for a Mission Assignment covering EPA HQ Hurricane Harvey support costs, particularly for EPA's HQ EOC.

In past large disasters, like Sandy, FEMA provided the EPA Mission Assignments for Regional and HQ support, including costs associated with the EPA's Regional and HQ EOCs. This has been crucial to the Agency's ability to provide full support, such as air and water monitoring, water infrastructure advice, etc.

Background - As Region 6 continues its response efforts related to Hurricane Harvey, the FEMA Mission Assignment (NEMIS Number 1509-236866) issued on 08/28/2017, only included "field operations" under EPA's Emergency Support Function 10 (ESF-10) under the National Response Plan. This did not cover EPA's Headquarters Emergency Operations Center (EOC) functions, which complicates HQ's ability to support Region 6's efforts from across the agency. It also varies from the FEMA Mission Assignment for the last large disaster, Superstorm Sandy, which included funding for the EPA HQ EOC. Please contact EPA's National Incident Commander, Reggie Cheatham, for an estimate of the HQ's EOC costs.

I appreciate you making the request. It will help our financial management at the end of this fiscal year.

If FEMA isn't willing to issue a Mission Assignment to cover HQ support costs, please tell us and we will raise the issue to FEMA HQ.

Thank you,  
David

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